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WEATHER

Temperatures averaged 8-12 degrees above normal over the eastern half and 1-5 degrees below normal west. Precipitation in the form of showers and thunder storms occurred mostly during the mid-portion of the period with the greatest reported over the Panhandle and north central portion.

CROPS

Nebraska farmers completed considerable fieldwork once again this past week with six days suitable for work. Several areas received local showers which delayed their work temporarily but most areas are still in need of moisture.

Winter wheat is in mostly fair to good condition statewide. The average weighted condition for the State averaged 78% compared with 77% a week ago and 85% a year ago at this time. Reports ranged from poor to excellent. Thin and spotty stands have been experiencing weed infestations. Spraying to control the weeds has begun in some areas. Wheat reportedly needs moisture statewide. As of now, nearly 70% of the wheat has jointed with over 10% headed out, the southeast district being most advanced.

Corn planting continued at a rapid pace again last week with over 90% planted, which is ahead of the normal 85% but below last year's 95%. Some late planted corn is not up, still waiting for moisture.

CROPS (Cont.)

Some irrigators have begun irrigating to get the corn germinated and to replenish subsoil moisture.

Sorghum is over 45% planted to date, just below last year and normal of 50%. Soybeans are over 50% planted compared to 40% a year ago and 30% for the normal.

Alfalfa is in mostly good condition statewide. Farmers are beginning to take their first cutting and have over 10% cut at this time. Alfalfa weevils continue to cause damage in the southern two-thirds of the State. Several reports indicated early cuttings to help combat the weevils. Wild hay is in mostly fair to good condition.

The hot weather and winds dried out the topsoil leaving the topsoil moisture supplies at 53% short in the counties reporting as of last Friday. Subsoil moisture supplies were short in 77% of the counties reporting. This compares with 17% short a year ago.

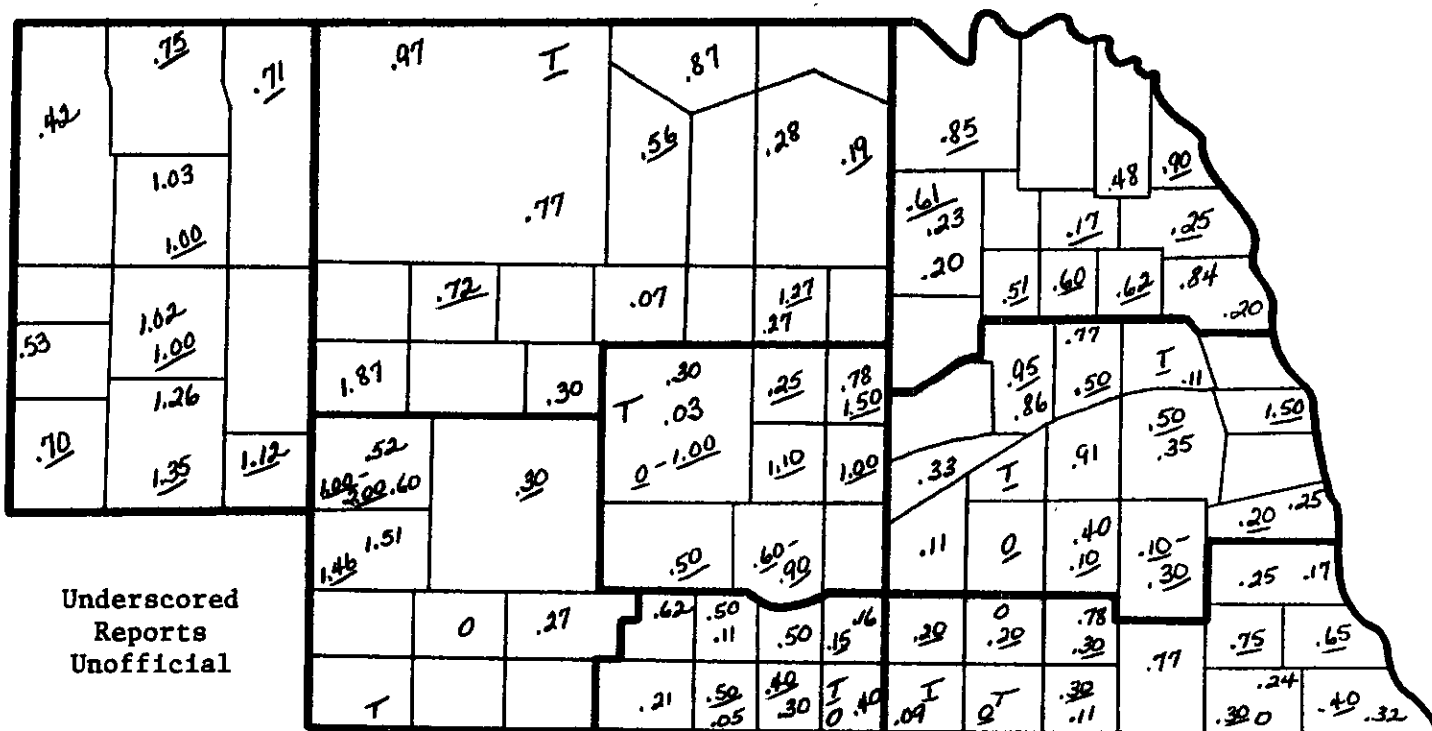
LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies improved considerably from last week and are now short in only 53% of the counties reporting. Most counties report the need for additional moisture to insure continued growth for the summer. Cattle continue to be moved to summer pastures.

Precipitation, April 1 - May 23, 1975

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week.....	.90	.70	.40	.30	.50	.50	.30	.30
Total since April 1.....	3.70	2.90	5.00	3.60	5.00	3.30	4.10	4.30
Normal since April 1.....	3.95	4.32	5.06	4.73	5.29	4.04	4.74	5.64

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, MAY 24, 1975



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, MAY 25, 1975

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	84	40	54	--	.61
	Scottsbluff	83	40	53	-5	.70
	Sidney	81	39	52	--	.98
NC	Burwell	89	45	--	--	.27
	Valentine	88	42	58	0	.28
NE	Norfolk	93	50	71	+9	.67
	Sioux City	94	52	74	+12	.58
CEN	Grand Island	94	51	70	+8	.69
EC	Lincoln	91	52	73	+9	.20
	Omaha	94	55	77	+12	.40
SW	Imperial	85	42	--	--	.44
	North Platte	85	36	59	-1	.02

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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